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REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment, claims 14-18, 20-26, 28-34, 36-40, 42-44 and 47 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 13, 19, 27, 35, 41, and 45 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to change claim dependencies.

The specification has been amended to update the priority information for the subject application and to include the Abstract from the international application on a separate page.

Applicant maintains that the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the one reference that is both listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08B (page 1) and attached hereto. The reference was cited in the PCT International Search Report issued in connection with international application PCT/US2004/020902. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted with the subject application.

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CONCLUSION

A check for \$600.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the 1) basic national fee (\$300.00), 2) examination fee (\$200.00) and 3) search fee (\$100.00) for a large entity for the subject application. No other fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application and Amendment. However, if any other fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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